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Claim 4, line 1, change "any of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "any of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "any of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "any of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, change "any of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, change "any of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 1, change "any of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 14, line 1, cancel "or 13".

Claim 15, line 1, change "any of claims 12-14" to --claim 12--.

Claim 16, line 1, change "any of claims 12-15" to --claim 12--.

Claim 17, line 3, change "any of claims 12-16" to --claim 12--.

Claim 19, line 1, cancel "or 18".

Claim 21, line 1, change "claim 21" to --claim 20--.

Amend Claim 24 as follows:

--24. (amended) Kit for carrying out a method [according to any of claims 1-19] of in vitro amplification of nucleic acid using amplification primers, comprising a primer pair according to [any of claims 20-23] claim 20 and an

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oligonucleotide probe or a carrier, said carrier comprising at least 1 oligonucleotide probe specific for a spacer region of a bacterium to be determined said bacterium not belonging to M. tuberculosis complex, said oligonucleotide probe being an oligonucleotide probe comprising between 12 to 40 nucleotides, said probe being sufficiently homologous to any of the spacer sequences or to fragments or derivatives of such spacer sequences to hybridise to such a spacer sequence, said oligonucleotide probe comprising at least ten consecutive nucleotides homologous to such a spacer sequence and/or exhibiting at least 60% homology, with the corresponding part of the spacer sequence.--

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The above changes in the drawings and claims merely place the national phase application in the same condition as it was during Chapter II of the international phase, with the multiple dependencies in the claims being removed.

Respectfully submitted,

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